

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING, JULY 11, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 a.m. in City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor Alan E. Oberloh with the following Aldermen present: Lyle Ten Haken, Mike Kuhle, Scott Nelson, Ron Wood, Mike Woll. Honorary Council Member: Amy Woitalewicz.

Staff present: Craig Clark, City Administrator; Brad Chapulis, Director of Community/Economic Development; Janice Oberloh, City Clerk.

Others present: Darlene Macklin, Chamber of Commerce; Dave Clark, WCL Associates; Jim Parras, Consolidated Construction Company.

**EVENT CENTER UPDATE AND AUTHORIZATION TO CALL FOR BIDS**

Dave Clark, Architect for the event center project, provided an update to Council on the project including samples of wall and floor coverings. Trees are included as part of the normal landscaping budget, but they were recommending bidding the wedding park as an add/alternate. An irrigation system will be installed. Jim Parras provided a preliminary drawing of the proposed landscaping, and a cost summary sheet and construction schedule for the event center, noting they were right on task in completing the design.

Mr. Parras also noted they were seeking Council approval to go out for bid for the event center project because of some of the time critical materials - precast and steel - that they would like to get ordered, and to allow time to stay within the City bidding requirements. They are hoping to award bids for the critical materials at the first regular City Council meeting in August on the 13<sup>th</sup>, and to have the balance of the bids ready for Council review and award at the second meeting in August on the 27<sup>th</sup>. This would allow them to hit the critical milestones in the schedule.

They would like to start the site work in July, looking at the week of the 23<sup>rd</sup>, with footing and foundation work to begin the first week in September. The event center would be turned over to the City in May of 2013. Mr. Parres said they would work with the City to get the furnishings installed and for staff training to be sure it was ready for the summer wedding season. The event center project will be nested within the hotel project.

Mr. Parres provided a brief budget for the project, which has a total budget of \$3.75 million. The construction portion of \$3,027,035 includes the \$153,000 for the additional space, and a 4% contingency. Construction documents are about 75% complete and estimates were included in the information provided to Council. Audio/visual equipment is budgeted separately from the construction budget. Discussion was held on the audio/visual design, with Council requesting a main permanent screed for use in the full ball room, in addition to the portable screens that were planned. Alderman Ten Haken also noted the committee had stated their desire for a sound system in the event center that was better than adequate.

The motion was made by Alderman Wood, seconded by Alderman Kuhle and unanimously carried

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to approve moving forward with construction bids for the event center.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The motion was made by Alderman Ten Haken, seconded by Alderman Woll and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 a.m.

Janice Oberloh, MCMC  
City Clerk.